

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application.

1 – 44. (CANCELLED)

45. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for assembling a sectional upward acting door wherein said door is operable to be supported for movement between open and closed positions between a pair of opposed spaced apart guide tracks, said door including plural, generally planar panel members adapted to be connected to each other along opposed edges of adjacent panel members and said door including plural hinge assemblies including, respectively, opposed hinge plates adapted to be connected to upper and lower edges of adjacent panels, respectively, one of said hinge plates including a hinge pin part and the other of said hinge plates including a pin receiving bore, said method comprising the steps of:

 placing a first panel between said guide tracks;

 placing a second panel between said guide tracks and adjacent to said first panel wherein an edge of said first panel is adjacent an edge of said second panel; and

 moving said panels toward each other in a direction substantially parallel to said guide tracks to connect said panels by registering said hinge pins in said pin receiving bores, respectively.

46. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method set forth in Claim 45 including the step of:

 mounting support brackets on opposite side edges of said second panel with opposed guide members connected to said support brackets for supporting said second panel between said guide tracks.

47. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method set forth in Claim 46 wherein:
the step of connecting said support brackets to said second panel comprises sliding said support brackets into engagement with said second panel at spaced apart bracket receiving tabs formed on structural members of said second panel, respectively.

48. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method set forth in Claim 45 wherein:
the step of moving said panels toward each other comprises lowering said second panel into engagement with said first panel by inter-engaging said hinge plates of respective ones of said hinge assemblies with each other by moving said first and second panels relative to each other in a direction generally parallel to the longitudinal extent of said guide tracks.

49. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method set forth in Claim 45 including
the step of:
providing an elastically deflectable retainer on said other hinge plate for retaining said hinge pin in said bore in response to insertion of said hinge pin into said bore.

50. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method set forth in Claim 49 including
the step of:
providing said other hinge plate to include a web part, spaced apart flanges secured to said web part and extending generally parallel to each other, a pin receiving bore formed in each of said flanges and guide surfaces formed on each of said flanges for guiding opposed distal ends of said hinge pin into said bores, respectively.

51. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method set forth in Claim 50 including
the step of:
providing said retainer as an elastically deflectable tab formed on each of said flanges for retaining opposite ends of said hinge pin in said bores, respectively.

52. (CANCELLED)

53. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method set forth in Claim 45 including
the step of:

providing said one hinge plate to include opposed parts engageable with said other hinge plate to prevent longitudinal displacement of said hinge plates relative to each other sufficient to disengage said hinge plates from each other in predetermined positions of said hinge plates with respect to each other.

54. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method set forth in Claim 45 including the step of:

providing said hinge pin integrally formed on said one hinge plate.

55. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for assembling a sectional upward acting door wherein said door is operable to be supported for movement between open and closed positions between a pair of opposed spaced apart guide tracks, said door including plural, generally planar panel members adapted to be connected to each other along opposed edges of adjacent panel members and said door including plural hinge assemblies including, respectively, opposed hinge plates connected to upper and lower edges of adjacent panels, respectively, one of said hinge plates including a hinge pin part and the other of said hinge plates including a pin receiving bore and a pin retainer adjacent to said pin receiving bore, said method comprising the steps of:

placing a first panel in a predetermined position;

placing a second panel adjacent to said first panel wherein an edge of said first panel is adjacent an edge of said second panel; and

moving said panels toward each other to connect said panels by displacing said retainers with said pins, respectively, and registering said pins in said pin receiving bores, respectively.

56. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method set forth in Claim 55 including the step of:

mounting support brackets on opposite side edges of said second panel with opposed guide members connected to said support brackets for supporting said second panel between said guide tracks.

57. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for assembling a sectional upward acting door wherein said door is operable to be supported for movement between open and closed positions between a pair of opposed spaced apart guide tracks, said door including plural, generally planar panel members adapted to be connected to each other along opposed edges of adjacent panel members and said door including plural hinge assemblies including, respectively, opposed hinge plates adapted to be connected to upper and lower edges of adjacent panels, respectively, one of said hinge plates including a hinge pin part and the other of said hinge plates including a pin receiving bore, said method comprising the steps of:

placing a first panel between said guide tracks;

placing a second panel between said guide tracks and adjacent to said first panel wherein an edge of said first panel is adjacent an edge of said second panel;

moving one of said panels toward the other of said panels in a direction substantially parallel to said guide tracks to connect said panels by registering said hinge pins in said pin receiving bores, respectively; and

mounting support brackets on opposite side edges of at least one of said panels with opposed guide members connected to said support brackets for supporting said one panel between said guide tracks.

58. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method set forth in Claim 57 wherein:
the step of connecting said support brackets to said one panel comprises sliding said support brackets into engagement with said one panel at spaced apart bracket receiving tabs formed on structural members of said one panel, respectively.

59. (CANCELLED)

60. (CANCELLED)

61. (CANCELLED)

62. (NEW) A method for assembling a sectional upward acting door wherein said door is operable to be supported for movement between open and closed positions between a pair of opposed spaced apart guide tracks, said door including plural, generally

planar panel members adapted to be connected to each other along opposed edges of adjacent panel members and said door including plural hinge assemblies including, respectively, opposed hinge plates adapted to be connected to upper and lower edges of adjacent panels, respectively, one of said hinge plates including a hinge pin part and the other of said hinge plates including a pin receiving bore, said method comprising the steps of:

providing said other hinge plate to include at least one elastically deflectable finger defining in part a gap for receiving said hinge pin;

placing a first panel between said guide tracks;

placing a second panel between said guide tracks and adjacent to said first panel wherein an edge of said first panel is adjacent an edge of said second panel;

moving said panels toward each other to connect said panels by registering said hinge pins in said pin receiving bores, respectively; and

deflecting said fingers to insert said hinge pins into said pin receiving bores, respectively, said fingers being elastically restorable to a position to retain said hinge pins in said pin receiving bores.

63. (NEW) A method for assembling a sectional upward acting door wherein said door is operable to be supported for movement between open and closed positions between a pair of opposed spaced apart guide tracks, said door including plural, generally planar panel members adapted to be connected to each other along opposed edges of adjacent panel members and said door including plural hinge assemblies including, respectively, opposed hinge plates adapted to be connected to upper and lower edges of adjacent panels, respectively, one of said hinge plates including a hinge pin and the other of said hinge plates including a pin receiving bore and a deflectable retainer for retaining said hinge pin in said bore, said method comprising the steps of:

placing a first panel between said guide tracks;

placing a second panel between said guide tracks and adjacent to said first panel wherein an edge of said first panel is adjacent an edge of said second panel;

moving one of said panels toward the other of said panels to connect said panels by registering said hinge pins in said pin receiving bores and retaining said hinge pins in said bores in response to insertion of said hinge pins in said bores, respectively; and

mounting support brackets on opposite side edges of at least one of said panels with opposed guide members connected to said support brackets for supporting said one panel between said guide tracks.

64. (NEW) The method set forth in Claim 63 including the step of:
providing said retainer as an elastically deflectable tab formed on each of opposed flanges for retaining opposite ends of said hinge pin.

65. (NEW) The method set forth in Claim 63 including the step of:
providing said retainer as at least one elastically deflectable finger defining in part a gap for receiving said hinge pin and deflecting said finger to insert said hinge pin into said bore, said finger being elastically restorable to a position to retain said hinge pin in said bore.